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Previously pending and rejected claims 1 and 3-20 have been amended from reciting a process for preparing a thermosensitive nanoporous polymer to now recite a process for preparing a wound or graft dressing using a thermosensitive nanoporous polymer. This invention is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed and elected.

The method previously elected is directed to making an intermediate material (the polymer) useful for preparing other final products, such as the wound dressing product prepared by claims 1 and 3-20 as now presented. Further, the two inventions do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features because the method for producing the thermosensitive polymer is obvious in view of Gan et al. and Vakkalanka et al. or alternatively Lee et al. (see rejections in the previous action mailed 13 July 2010).

Applicant previously elected the method for preparing a thermosensitive nanoporous polymer (response received 23 March 2009). The amendment filed on 15 November 2010 thus has the effect of cancelling all claims drawn to the previously elected invention, and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention, which is considered non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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